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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Overseas Handling, Processing and Reporting on Selected Nationally Programmed Photographic Reconnaissance Missions

REFERENCES: a. USIB-D-41.11/7 (COMOR-D-36/7), 3 May 1967, Limited Distribution  
b. DCID No. 1/13

1. The United States Intelligence Board (USIB), including the Deputy Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) for this matter, approved as of 20 June 1967 the following actions after consideration of reference a.:

a. Approved the attached statement on "Policy and Procedures for Overseas Handling, Processing and Reporting on Selected Nationally Programmed Photographic Reconnaissance Missions (Excluding Satellite Reconnaissance)".

b. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] for the 25X1  
processing and reporting of the photographic results of selected nationally programmed reconnaissance missions in the Far East as assigned and certified after technical review by NRO.

c. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] for the European theater, its certification to await a technical review by NRO. 25X1

NRO review(s) completed.

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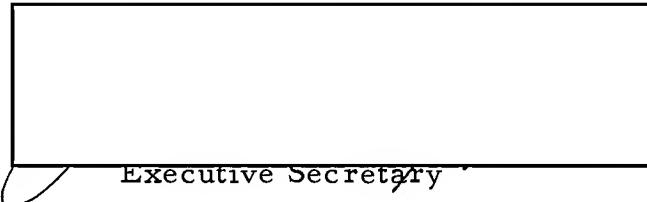
d. Concurred that the NRO give consideration to readjustment in the present arrangements for processing of Far Eastern reconnaissance missions

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e. Directed that the Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), in consultation with reconnaissance management authorities, continually review and update policies and procedures of mutual concern relating to the effective interface of overseas operational, processing, exploitation, and reporting activities  25X1  
This review should include comments and recommendations concerning the adequacy of  25X1

2. Accordingly, the above USIB-approved actions are circulated for the information and guidance of all concerned, and for appropriate implementation by the Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), and other departments and agencies designated in the attachment hereto.

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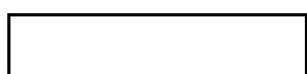


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Policy and Procedures for Overseas Handling,  
Processing and Reporting on Selected Nationally  
Programmed Photographic Reconnaissance Missions  
(Excluding Satellite Reconnaissance)

1. PURPOSE: To establish policies and procedures for the overseas handling, processing, and reporting on selected nationally programmed photographic reconnaissance missions. (DEFINITION: Nationally programmed photographic reconnaissance missions are those conducted by the  25X1 National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) or other agencies in response to United States Intelligence Board (USIB) requirements.)

2. CANCELLATION: Upon implementation of these policies and procedures

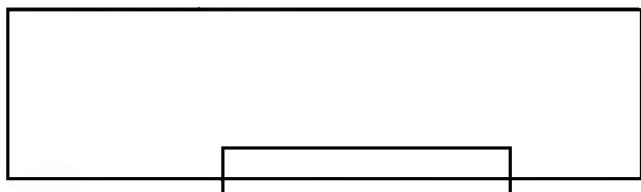
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3. GENERAL: In order to provide for the most expeditious processing and 25X1 reporting of nationally programmed photographic reconnaissance missions,

processing and reporting facilities will be used to meet United States intelligence needs consistent with operational considerations.

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The determination of assignment of a nationally programmed task for these field units will be the subject of consultation between the USIB and the NRO and is subject to the approval of each. When field processing and read-out are directed, these centers will be responsible, primarily, for processing to meet  NRO standards and expeditious reporting in response to requirements of the USIB and, additionally, requirements of the respective parent Unified Command.

4. FACILITIES: In order to provide the required facilities and personnel, the Department of Defense (DoD) has designated as  25X1  
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a. Location

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(3) Such other facilities as may, on an interim basis, be required by the  NRO to support the  National Reconnaissance Program.

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b. Requirements: To meet both theater and national intelligence needs,  should provide for the following:

- (1) Secure facility
- (2) Quality processing
- (3) Volume production of original negatives and duplicates
- (4) Secure communications
- (5) Sufficient number of properly trained exploitation personnel
- (6) Intelligence data handling system

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5. MISSION: It shall be the mission of  to process, reproduce, and report on such reconnaissance missions as assigned. In fulfilling this mission the following tasks will be accomplished:

a.  National Reconnaissance Office (NRO):

- (1) Certify that  are operational.

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(2) Assign processing responsibilities to [Redacted]  
(reporting should be accomplished at the processing site for  
reason of speed).

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(3) On a priority basis provide for the shipment of a  
duplicate positive and mission track of all nationally  
programmed reconnaissance missions from [Redacted] to the  
National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC).

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(4) Provide [Redacted] timely mission alerting  
information as required.

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(5) Provide mission track to [Redacted] as soon  
as practicable, commensurate with mission security.

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25X1 (6) Provide [Redacted] technological assistance and quality  
standards for photographic processing.

(7) Receive complaints from consumers and initiate  
remedial action if and as required.

25X1 (8) Provide [Redacted] with emergency procurement and  
shipment of photographic processing equipment and supplies.

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(9) Provide emergency funding to support [Redacted] operations.

(10) Provide basic guidance on national plans (e.g.,  
anticipated sorties rates, emergence of new capabilities, etc.)  
which will affect the accomplishment of [Redacted] missions.

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b. Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX)

(1) On behalf of USIB, advise the [Redacted] NRO as to the degree of  
urgency on processing and reporting of each mission.

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25X1 (2) Provide [Redacted] with current listings of established  
USIB (COMIREX) reconnaissance requirements.

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(3) Provide [ ] NRO with a priority schedule of the community's needs for duplication of film.

c. (C) National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC):

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(1) Provide [ ] background data on COMIREX target objectives and support to enhance the maintenance of an [ ] intelligence library, in response to arrangements made with NPIC by the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) on behalf of [ ]

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(2) Provide [ ] on request, photographic interpretation assistance and services, as appropriate, for the reporting of COMIREX target objectives.

d. Department of Defense (DoD):

(1) Unified and Specified Commands:

(a) Insure adequate facilities, personnel, equipment, and supplies for processing are provided [ ] in accordance with the standards established by the [ ] NRO.

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(b) Insure adequate facilities, personnel, equipment, and supplies for photographic exploitation are provided the [ ] in accordance with standards established by the DoD.

(c) Insure implementation of instructions and tasks as established by the [ ] NRO, and, as appropriate, by the USIB.

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(2) Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA):

(a) Act as the executive agent for [ ] NRO, COMIREX, and NPIC in their contacts with [ ] through Unified and Specified Commands.

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(b) Receive complaints from consumers regarding Photo Interpretation, and initiate remedial action when and if required.

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(3) The Military Departments:

(a) Provide personnel, facilities, and equipment as required to support [Redacted]

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(b) Provide and maintain secure communications - facilities responsive to the need for prompt reporting.

(4) [Redacted]

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(a) Maintain required security of their designated operating areas.

(b) Procure and maintain their processing equipment and supplies in accordance with the standards established by [Redacted] NRO.

(c) Acquire and maintain on board adequately cleared and appropriately qualified personnel required for sustained operations.

(d) Acquire and maintain an intelligence reference library to enhance the timeliness and accuracy of reporting.

(e) Process original negatives of assigned missions.

(f) Reproduce and ship copies as directed.

(g) Prepare Immediate Photographic Interpretation Report and transmit cable to Theater and ZI recipients under identical priority.

6. FUNDING:

a. [Redacted]

USAF in

conjunction with [Redacted] NRO will insure that sufficient funds are budgeted annually to cover the anticipated cost of National Program support. As in the past, extraordinary costs, beyond that for which funds have been budgeted, and emergency procurement support will continue to be furnished by the [Redacted] NRO.

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b. [redacted] operated 25X1  
by the U. S. Navy will be provided direct material support by the [redacted] NRO 25X1  
on an as required basis.

7. COMMUNICATIONS: All communications bearing on nationally  
controlled operations will be handled via SSO channels, except in those cases  
where authorization has been received from the [redacted] NRO. 25X1

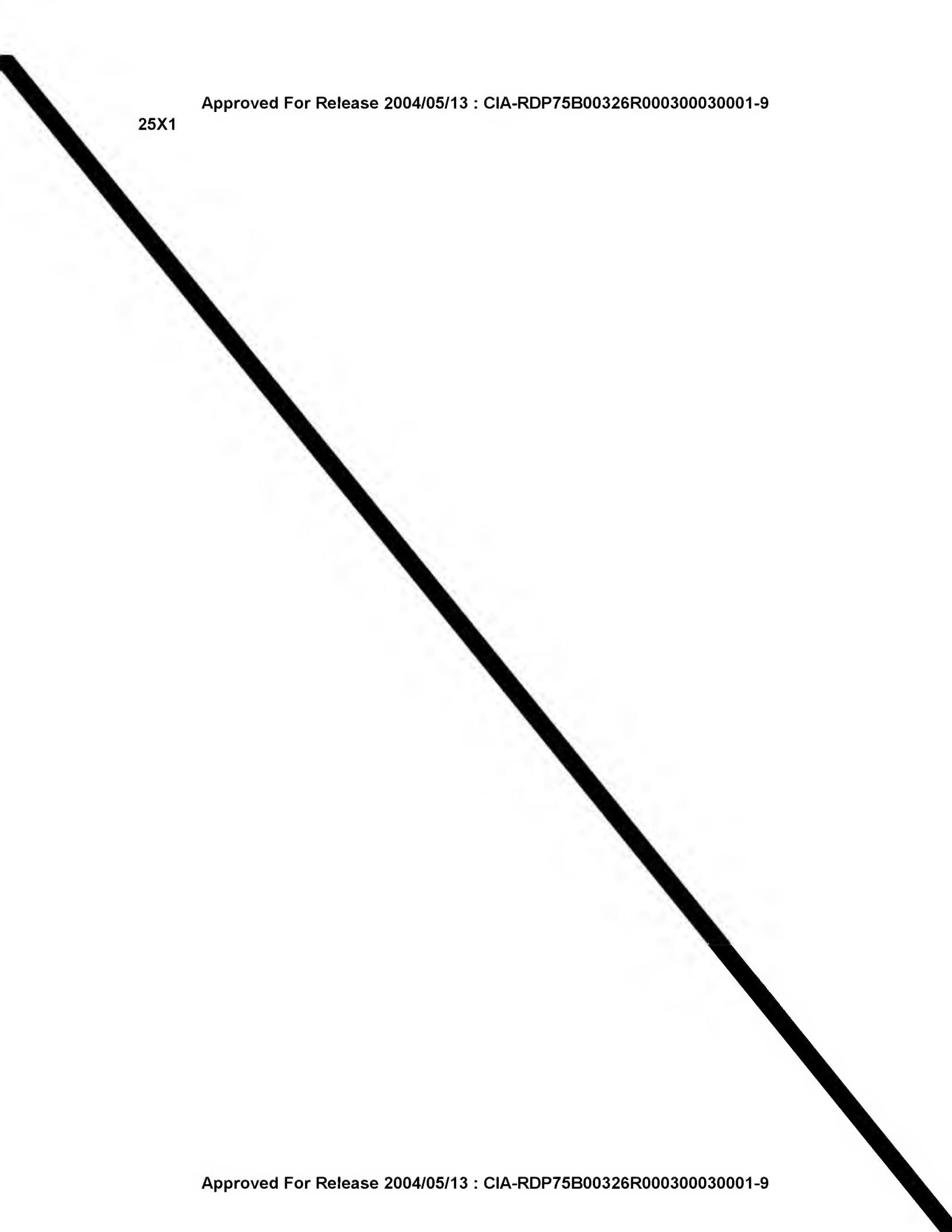
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